GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:237
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AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various kinds of subsidies provided to the agricultural sector;

(b) the amount allocated for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding grant of subsidy to the farmers on the basis of the size of their land holding;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to rationalise subsidies in the agricultural sector; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 237 DUE FOR REPLY ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2008.

(a) & (b): The Central Government provides subsidies on Fertilizers, Seeds, Micro irrigation system, Machinery, Premium on crop insurance etc. The Government also provides financial incentive/grants/concession under various on-going Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Macro Management, National Horticulture Mission, Technology Mission for Horticulture for the North Eastern States, etc. The allocations/releases to State Governments/UTs under these important programmes are given in the Annexure I to Annexure X. The fertilizer subsidy is provided to the Manufacturers/Importers, the benefit of which goes to the farmers through the notified selling prices fixed by the Government. The year wise amount of fertilizer subsidy disbursed/due is given below:-

(Rs. Crore)

Years	Total subsidy disbursed/due
2005-06	18299
2006-07	25952
2007-08	40338
2008-09#	113309

Estimated

(c) to (f): In many programmes/schemes, the subsidy is restricted to the size of land holding with a view to benefit the small and marginal farmers. The subsidies are provided based on the actual usage by the farmers and to incentivise them to use various inputs for increasing their productivity and production.